

PAUL'S CAREER ON RACE TRACK TESTIFIES HIS PERSONAL DARING.

Boasting That He Would Never Work for Wages, This Remarkable Character of the Betting Ring Has Been a Newsboy, Railroad Contractor, Oklahoma Boomer, Saloonkeeper, Bookmaker, Politician, Plunger and Promoter of an Original "Get-Rich-Quick" Scheme Which Is Now Threatened With Destruction.



JOHN J. RYAN.

Turf follower and man of many experiences, who is at the head of one of the co-operative bookmaking firms about

John J. Ryan was born at Price Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, thirty-seven years ago. It is the proudest boast that he never worked for any man, that from the time he was 11 years old to date he has always been working for himself. His greatest regret is that conditions did not permit him to acquire a fine education. He never went to school, but he has what would pass for a very fair and average education. He writes a good letter and possesses exceptional ability in the way of figures.

Ryan ran a messenger office and later an express office in Cincinnati. When he was 29 years old he went to Kansas as a railroad contractor in a small way. He had a lot of teams and fulfilled contracts on the railroads then building in Kansas.

Ryan ran a saloon at Cherokee street and Grand avenue, but soon sold that.

ONCE HAD A SALOON AT EAST ST. LOUIS TRACK.

In the early eighties he had been making book and working on the pools. So when the East St. Louis track opened Ryan was at home. He bought a saloon just outside the track gates. Like most of the gamblers, Ryan was a man of money. A lover of horses, and a gambler in his heart, it was not long until he turned over to the track the property of the house was taxed, and, through the kindness of sympathizers, many of the

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FOUR COMMITTEES WILL INVESTIGATE

Senators and Representatives Will Hear Evidence in St. Louis To-Day.

AT SOUTHERN AND PLANTERS.

Turf and Grain Investment Companies and Penitentiary Labor Will Be Considered.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 13.—Four investigating committees left Jefferson City this afternoon and are en route for St. Louis, to hold hearings to-morrow.

Through there are four of the committees, they will act as two joint Senate and House committees, and will investigate turf and grain investment companies and labor conditions produced by the use of convicts in manufacturing shoes and brooms.

The House this afternoon adopted a substitute to Representative Leonard's resolution regarding turf-investment companies. The substitute is the same as the resolution adopted by the Senate, but provides for only three members of the committee.

Speaker Whitehouse named Leonard of St. Louis, of the House, and Senator C. J. Nease of Missouri, of the Senate, as members of the committee.

This committee will meet at the Southern Hotel at 9 o'clock this morning. "I do not know whether any representatives of the companies to which letters have been sent will appear," said Senator Martin this afternoon. "They may or they may not."

The investigation may not be as thorough as it should be, but it is to be hoped that it will be. "We are after evidence," said Senator Martin, "and we will get it."

It is remembered that the Penitentiary Investigating Committee has not attempted to examine the books of the penitentiary contractors for convict labor, members claiming that they have no right to do so.

SENATE LAST HOURS ARE PAID.

Senate Passes Appropriation Bill With an Emergency Clause.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 13.—The Senate this afternoon passed a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the purchase of land for the establishment of a national park in the State of Missouri.

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How to Recover Your Losses in the Turf Investment Companies.

Take Advantage of The Meyer Store's Special Sales Men's Clothing To-Day.

OFFER NO. 1.
Pick from any suit or overcoat which sold up to Twenty Dollars and pay only \$7.49 for it. While the majority are winter weights, many of them are medium weight.

OFFER NO. 2.
Pantaloon the exact duplicate of many you can see in stores all over town for Four to Five Dollars. Fancy striped worsteds and mixed casimeres. Hardly any chance of not having your size. Sale at \$1.79 a pair.

OFFER NO. 3.
Black thibet coats and vests—fancy cheviot coats and vests—left from Eight, Nine and Ten Dollar suits. To be sold for \$1.99.

OFFER NO. 4.
Hats—Pick a black or pearl gray Alpine or Derby. The same hat you pay Two Dollars for and ask no questions. To-day for 99c.

THE MEYER STORE
COR. BROADWAY & WASHINGTON

MARRIAGE BILL IS ENGROSSED.

It Provides That Licenses Shall Not Be Recorded Until Returns Have Been Made.

KEEP ELOPEMENTS SECRET.

If Bill Becomes a Law Newspapers Will Not Be Able to Get News of Weddings for Weeks.

Are You Going to Sell Your House?

Put an ad in The Sunday Republic and sell it quickly. Two or three lines will find a purchaser. Leave Your Ad at Any Drug Store.

DOCTOR ACCUSED MAN OF BEING LEGALLY DEAD.

Charge of Medical Excesses for Insurance Company Causes Commotion in Courtroom.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New York, Feb. 13.—That man's dead. He has no right to be here at all. I examined him for a policy and my company paid \$100,000 on receipt of proof that he had died. He ought to be in his grave.

So said Doctor Charles E. Bruce, medical examiner for the Provident Savings Insurance company, today as he pointed out to the jury in the courtroom of the United States district court, the body of a man who had been declared dead by a physician and a coroner, but who was still alive.

Dr. Bruce, who is a physician and a shrewd lawyer, was called to the stand by the prosecution to testify that he had examined the body of the man who was declared dead, and that he found him to be alive.

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legislation now pending before the General Assembly.

Representative Sieber of St. Louis introduced a bill in the House this morning that will directly affect the business of pawnbrokers. The bill provides that pawnbrokers must hold pledged articles for at least one year, and charge a monthly rate of 2 per cent for the first six months, and a rate of 1 per cent for the next six months.

At the end of the year the pawnbrokers shall sell off all goods unsold, and the proceeds, after the pawnbrokers have been reimbursed, shall be turned over to the school fund. At present the pawnbrokers charge 2 and 2 1/2 per cent monthly, and also storage charges.

The House this morning passed Representative Dinkins' eight-hour bill. The bill prohibits mining companies from employing more than eight hours in every twenty-four.

Among the new bills introduced in the House to-day were the following: Mr. Clay of Indiana, increasing the salary of the State Beer Inspector from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year, and the four deputies from \$1,200 to \$1,500 a year.

Mr. Clay of Indiana (by request): Providing for a change in the manner of assessing the value of property for taxation. The bill provides that the assessor shall show the actual value of the property in one column, and a column adjoining shall show the value it is assessed at by the Assessor.

TO LEARN "BROWN'S" IDENTITY.
Murphy's Resolution to Investigate Mystery Case Met Defeat.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 13.—Twelve members of the House had resolutions in their pockets when that body was called to order this morning.

As usual, Mr. Murphy of St. Louis was first, and following the usual programme, the House at once turned to the Murphy resolution.

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of five members to investigate the case of the man who was declared dead, and who was still alive.

Mr. Wood of Howard, Memorializing Congress to pass a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the Missouri River, and asking the Speaker of Congress to place some Missouri memorial on the calendar.

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IS THIS MAN "KID" SHERIDAN?

"A. J." Sheridan Is Dropped From House Pay Roll.

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